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## Endowment drive to benefit student aid

By Shelley Shifflett

Avila College, which has been operating nearly debt-free for the past twenty years, is planning a \$3 million development program over the next three years. The bulk of the endowment will be used for student aid and faculty development, with the remaining amount being budgeted for facility improvements, additional equipment, and energy management.

The endowment fund drive, which has been in the planning stages for many months, will be officially announced toward the end of 1984 or the beginning of the new year according to Dean of Students, Tom Lease. Mr. Lease feels the outlook toward the drive is quite optimistic and views it as a long overdue event. Says Mr. Lease, "We have never had a fund drive except for buildings, so we don't really have an endowment."

He considers student aid to be one of the

most important considerations of the drive. "Over one-half million dollars a year of college operating budget goes back to students for aid. State and federal dollars are going to be harder to get, so we will need more money in the future for student aid," states Mr. Lease.

He stresses that since so much must be taken from the operating budget of the college it is at a "break even" point but is not moving ahead. Without this type of funding, it will be difficult to maintain or improve existing programs. Although Avila has made remarkable progress, especially in the areas of computer science and television media, without proper funding these programs and others may fall behind in the face of rapidly advancing technologies.

Pat Martin, Director of Grants and Development, regards the continued success of these programs as contingent upon adequate

funding, she predicts, as does Dean Lease, that the fund drive will be a success. "We are very pleased about the leadership which has been attracted to the campaign, and we are very optimistic that we will be able to reach our goal," she asserts.

Among the campaign leaders are Barbara Pendleton, Executive Vice President of United Missouri Bank of Kansas city, and Robert Wormington, General Manager of KSHB-TV Channel 41. Various community members and Avila alumni will also be actively involved as well as representatives from many area businesses.

"Everyone in the Avila community is going to be encouraged to participate—giving ideas, identifying firms, acting as PR among their own peers," stresses Mrs. Martin, "and we want to invite anybody—faculty, students, and staff—to assist in any way."

## Admissions feel effects of Baby Boom

By Kay Caldwell

The effects of the 1940's Baby Boom are still being felt in college admissions offices nationwide. Avila is no exception.

The 1960's saw a glut of Baby Boomers filing colleges to the brim. They became known as the "Me Generation." They were goal-seeking, career oriented and produced fewer children than their parents. Thus, colleges in the 1980's are experiencing the aftermath in the form of declining enrollments.

Simply, what this means is there is a critical lack of high school graduates compared to former years. Nationally, a 15 to 20 percent decline in high school seniors was predicted. While enrollments are down, Avila College is only experiencing a five to seven percent decline, according to Bob Dover, Director of Admissions.

Despite the trend, Avila's admissions office is planning on enrolment growth. A restructuring process is underway and the office is gearing up for what they hope will be a significant increase for next year.

To expedite this goal, the offices of financial aid and admissions will merge, and the counseling responsibilities will be shared. "The intent is to clarify and gain greater efficiency," said John Herriage, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid.

Instead of being service-centered, the new emphasis is on becoming "client-centered." "We will spend more time with the individual students and their individual needs rather than refining systems," said Mr. Dover.

The advantage of the new system will be in the increased personal contact of each student making inquiries to the college, as opposed to impersonal multiple mailings. More time will be spent on personal guidance

and financial aid counseling.

"The first question a prospective student will ask is how much it will cost to attend Avila," said Dean Herriage. "The second question is usually about our location, followed by questions of how good a school is Avila."

In an effort to meet these questions head on, the staff is offering financial aid information as early as October to help students and their families determine the amount of expenses they will incur.

In the past, it has been a problem for students wanting to come to Avila to know exactly how much financial aid they qualify for until Spring. "We will now do hand calculations at the time a student applies, and be able to tell them how much aid to expect within one week," said Dianne McShane, Director of Financial Aid.

According to Dean Herriage, this figure can be in the form of a guarantee from Avila. That is, if the Federal program changes, or the correct figures were used and the outcome is different than the guarantee made to the student, Avila will make up the difference. Any new student concerned about finances can fill out an Avila College Early Aid Estimate form.

"Many people have misconceptions about whether they can afford a private school," said Dean Herriage. "We want to sit down and find a workable solution for every student who wants to attend Avila to be able to afford it." He added that if current students are concerned about their ability to continue, they should make themselves known to one of the staff, who will work with them in depth to find solutions.

While the Baby Boomers may not be filling the colleges with equal numbers of offspring, they are making up some of the difference by returning to college themselves. The number of non-traditional, returning students is growing steadily. At Avila, approximately half of the 900 part-time students, and 50 to 100 full-timers are returning students.

Many of these students are trying to finish a degree started years ago, some are expanding their job skills, while others are attempting college for the first time. Whatever the reason, the admissions office realizes that they have different needs than the traditional student. In an effort to ease their re-entry into an academic environment, a January workshop is under discussion by the admissions staff. It is hoped that current students will respond to this need for peer counseling by contacting the admissions office.

While admissions offices across the country are feeling the crunch of the lack of Baby Boomer's babies, the effect is ambiguous. On one hand, enrollments are down, but on the other hand, the Baby Boomers themselves are returning to college and many of those are just recently starting families. Who's to say what the third wave of the Baby Boom will be in another twenty years.

In any case, the long-haired, protesting Baby Boomers probably doubted the effectiveness of their college sit-ins in the 60's. They wanted to leave their mark on the establishment and academia. How could they ever have dreamed of the long reaching effects they would have twenty years later. A wave their parents (the establishment) started twenty years before.

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## Blood Drive

The Community Blood Center Mobile Unit will be on campus Monday, October 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Whitfield Lobby and Room 509. Interested donors should contact Carol Frevert, Coordinator of Health Services, at Ext. 268 to arrange a time to give blood.

## Comet Presentation

The American Marketing Association is sponsoring a presentation about the marketing of the Comets, Kansas City's professional soccer team on Monday, October 15 at 11:15 a.m. in Whitfield Center.

A representative of the Comets organization will discuss the techniques that have made the Comets so successful. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Alan Wheat

The Organization of Politics and Public Administration is sponsoring a presentation by Alan Wheat. Congressman Wheat will speak on Thursday, October 18 in the Whitfield Centre at 11 a.m.

## Day Break

Singer Steve Epley will be entertaining in the Snack Bar on Tuesday, October 16 from noon to 1 p.m., sponsored by the Student Union Board.

## "Confluence"

Currently on display through October 26 is "Confluence" a collection of paintings by Nicholas Hill. Mr. Hill's work is on display in the Thornhill Art Gallery.

"Trends in Today's Art Market" will be discussed by Jerry Vegder in the Thornhill Art Lecture series on October 17 at 7 p.m. Reservations are required. For information call: Gallery V and Associates at 523-4488.

## Council of Presidents

Officers of Avila clubs and organizations are requested to attend the Council of Presidents meeting on Wednesday, October 17 in the Barefoot Room from 6 to 8 p.m.

## Savings Opportunities

Now on sale in the Central Reservations Office are:

"Entertainment '85" books for \$19.95

"Worlds of Fun" tickets for \$7.

Chiefs vs. Houston Oilers on Sunday, November 11 at 12:01 p.m. for \$11.

## Accident Assistance

Anyone with information regarding the hit and run of a 1984 blue Chrysler Laser in the O'Rielly parking lot on Tuesday, October 2 between 1 and 5 p.m. please contact Dianne at 942-8400 Ext. 223 or after 5:15 p.m. at 966-9303

## SOURCEBOOK:

# Room houses A.V. resources

By Tim Moore

In the original SOURCEBOOK article the computers in the audiovisual room of the library were discussed. What was not discussed was the fact that there is an audiovisual room in the library and it contains more than just the seven computers and a printer.

The O'Neill Room is named for Sr. Saint Luke O'Neill who helped to build up the current library on the campus of Saint Teresa's during the period of 1941 to 1952. This room now houses the audiovisual materials of the Avila College library.

With over 11,000 titles, the room is quite a storehouse of knowledge. The room contains a microfilm reader/printer, a microfilm reader, a microfiche reader, a videocassette player with two screens, filmstrip-cassette players, slide-cassette players, over 100 titles of magazines on microfilm, many studies, reports and pamphlets on microfiche, the afore mentioned computers complete with software, and microfiche, the afore mentioned computers complete with software, and a very extensive record library.

Also, off to the side is a private room containing several record players to sample the records on hand. It is possible, though, to check the records out from the library. The videocassettes, microfiche, microfilm, slide and filmstrips with cassettes are not able to be checked out because of the simple fact that not everyone has handy a slide or filmstrip with cassette player or videotape player.

One of the best facilities to go along with the audiovisual room is the very helpful staff, always willing to lend a helping hand in the selection and running of particular materials and machines. With its own card catalog as well as having all the titles listed in the main card catalog, titles are not hard to find. When thinking about doing research next time think about the O'Neill Room at the Avila Library.

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Letters to the Editors are always welcome.

## Celebrate Election Night

The Office of Student Life and the United States of America have planned a special election celebration for Tuesday, November 6 to 9 p.m. The idea is to give students the opportunity to monitor network coverage, speak out on results, and help tabulate the election.

The political party will be in the Marian Centre Dining Room and all students are invited to come and voice their opinions. To those who do not wish to speak out, campaign refreshments will be served. This is a chance to be part of democracy in action.

## Elderhostel

Elderhostel, an innovative travel and educational program, offered persons over 60 years of age a vacation, a week of classes at Avila and the opportunity to meet people from across the U.S.

The Elderhostel classes were "Kansas City - The Truman Heritage" (field trips to the Truman Farm, Home and Library were included), "Tracing Your Heritage Through Oral History" and "Computers Don't Byte People."

The program was sponsored through Avila's Continuing Education Office.

## King vs. Bulls

Kansas City Kings vs. Chicago Bulls basketball game tickets for October 30 at Kemper Arena at 7:35 p.m. are being sold by Little Sisters of the Poor. Eight dollar seats are being sold for \$6. Send check to Little Sisters of the Poor, Box 24750, Kansas City, MO 64131. Advance sales only. Olympic Gold Medal Winner, Michael Jordan (Bulls) will be playing that night.



# Registrar announces schedule

## 1985 Spring Semester Registration Schedule

### Walk-In Registration

Tuesday	December 4	10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
	Seniors and Juniors	(students with cumulative hours of 60 or more)
Wednesday	December 5	10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
	Freshmen, Sophomores, Specials, Graduate Students	
Tuesday	January 8	10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Thursday	January 10	10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Saturday	January 12	9 a.m. — 12 noon

### Telephone Registration

Tuesday	December 11	11 a.m. — 7 p.m.
Wednesday	December 12	11 a.m. — 7 p.m.
Thursday	December 13	11 a.m. — 7 p.m.
Monday	December 17	12 noon — 4 p.m.
Tuesday	December 18	12 noon — 4 p.m.
Wednesday	December 19	12 noon — 4 p.m.
Thursday	January 3	11 a.m. — 7 p.m.
Friday	January 4	12 noon — 4 p.m.

The Office of the Registrar has announced the schedule for registration for 1985 Spring Semester.

Seniors and Juniors will be allowed to register first with "Walk-In Registration" followed by Freshmen, Sophomores, Specials and Graduate Students on the following day. See schedule in box for exact dates and times.

The three dates in January of the "Walk-In Registration" schedule are for all students.

All students may participate in "Telephone Registration" that begins Tuesday, December 11. See schedule in box for exact dates and times. The Office of the Registrar wishes to encourage students to take advantage of the telephone registration process. The offices involved in Registration have found that this form of registration is helpful to the students and those offices.

The class schedules are due for distribution November 12, 1984. The specific details of registration and payment will be published in the schedule.

## Creative writing class taught with personal touch

"Writing for Love and/or Money" is a special six-week creative writing class sponsored by the Avila college Department of Continuing Education.

Taught with a personal touch, its aim is to show students how to tell their own stories. Topics include: Priming the Creative Pump; The Drama in Everyday Life; How to Write When There's Not Enough Time; Techniques of Fiction Writing; Writing the Creative Article; and How to Sell Your Product.

The instructor, Donna Hart, has short stories and articles published in many magazines and newspapers, including "The Kansas City Star" and its "Star Magazine," "The Kansas City Times," "Helicon Nine," "Our Sunday Visitor," and "Catholic Digest." She teaches creative writing to adults and young people "every chance she gets" and writes a semi-weekly column, "Hart Beat."

The class meets Saturdays, October 6 through November 17 at 10 a.m. in Room 509.

## Mission Club plans fund raising events

Avila Mission Club, a charity organization, once again is beginning its fund raising activities for the upcoming year.

Among the activities planned for the Mission Sunday donation in October is a table sale scheduled for October 23, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lower level of Marian Centre. Included in this sale will be miscellaneous items such as baked goods. Also, now through October 30, Mission members will be selling "Cuddly Critters" stuffed animals, ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$12.95.

For more information, please contact Sr. Ann Dominic Tassone, Whitfield Centre, or Shelley Shiflett, Carondelet Hall, Room 211.

October  
is  
Alcoholism  
Awareness  
Month

"Care Enough  
to be Aware"

## Workshop requires student assistance

The Admissions Office is currently discussing plans to conduct a workshop in January for the re-entry student. The goal of the workshop will be to ease the fears of the first-time student, as well as the student returning to complete a degree started years ago, and to acclimate them to the Avila curriculum.

If you're a returning student who knows the ropes, and would be interested in being a peer ambassador, the admissions staff would like to hear from you. If you're able to volunteer to help at the workshop, or just have some ideas to share, call the admissions office and leave your name, phone number, and an idea of what you'd like to contribute.


## Special

Risk-Free offer from

CAMPUS MINISTRY

A group of students meet on Thursday from 1:00-1:45 in Room 722 to share prayer, scripture, and Christian fellowship.

COME JOIN US

EVERYONE IS Welcome  Welcome

# Center adopts career, life planning concept; provides academic, career, personal service

**Carlyn Jurgensmeyer**

Susanna D. is a college sophomore and she hasn't decided what to major in. "I just don't know what I want to do with the rest of my life," she says.

Finances are tight and Susanna has been looking for a part-time job. Unfortunately her job search has yielded nothing but dead ends. "I felt sure I would get that sales clerk job. Who knows why I didn't get it."

Susanna has three term papers due within the next two weeks. "I haven't started on any of them. I don't even know how to write a book report much less a term paper."

She and her boyfriend had an argument the other night. "We're still not speaking. I'm so upset I can't even concentrate."

Susanna D. is only an imaginary character but her problems are very real. They are the kinds of problems that college students must constantly deal with. But the coping or decision making process doesn't have to be a solo project.

Here at Avila College, The Human Resources Center is the place to go for answers to academic, career, and personal concerns. Laura Manley, Coordinator of Career Development and Roger DeVito, College Skills Coordinator work together to provide support to students through a variety of services.

"I don't think a lot of students understand what career and life planning involves," Ms. Manley said.

This explains why so many students graduate and then find themselves in careers that they are unhappy with. Then what? "A lot of people feel trapped. They don't make the change," said Mr. DeVito. "They just suffer through it."

According to Ms. Manley, there is an alternative to such misery. "You can take the degree you have and be getting some other type of experience, you can get into another field," she said.

Mr. DeVito and Ms. Manley rated service related and information technology jobs as being in the high demand category. Those jobs in low demand are heavy industry jobs. "Heavy industry is not doing well," said Mr. DeVito. Both agreed that today's job market is tough and getting tougher. This is why the coordinators' emphases are changing. Ms. Manley explained "We're more into educating students how to learn and how to get a job." These skills will help students for the rest of their lives.

The services Human Resources provides are free to all Avila students. Below is a listing of the services and some of what each provides.

**Career Planning** — Assessing interest areas, strengths and weaknesses, values, and career goals.

**Job Placement Services** — Finding employment through regularly posted job listings, developing interviewing techniques, assistance in writing resumes.

**Confidential Personal Counseling** — Developing greater self-awareness and self-respect, developing more effective coping skills.

**Academic Assistance** — Classroom course assistance, instruction in more efficient note taking techniques, improving test taking skills, enhancing writing skills.

**Workshops and Groups** — Adjusting to college life and routine, coping with stress, reducing your weight.

**Health Services** — Assistance with physical emergencies, learning preventive health approaches, obtaining health insurance, CPR classes. (Carol Frevert, R.N. #713 Lower Carondelet, Ext. 268.)

HRC helps students meet challenges and succeed in all kinds of areas. Mr. DeVito advises, "If you have problems, this is the place to come." He said students shouldn't procrastinate through. "If you need help, it doesn't do any good to wait until the last minute."

For more information, or to make an appointment call the Human Resources Center at 942-8400, ext. 266 or 270, or stop by the Center, which is located in the lower level of Blasco Hall. It is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Another World, Another Time...  
In the Age of Wonder.



Friday, October 19  
7 & 9 p.m.

Marian Centre Lounge

Funded through the Student Activity Fee, these films sponsored by the Student Union Board are FREE to Avila students, staff, faculty, and their guests.

## around town

### Print shows open autumn schedule

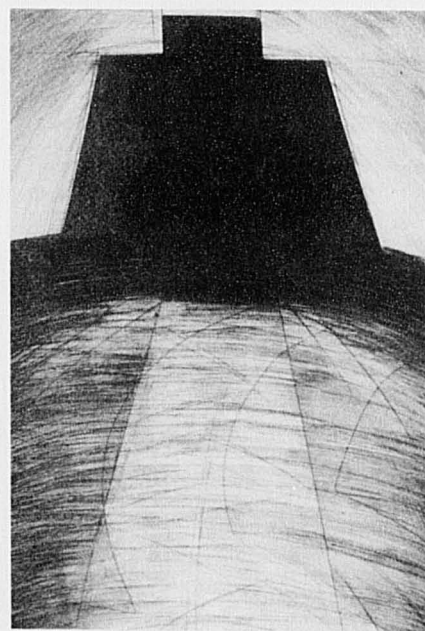
Two print shows, including *Prints by Hugh Merrill*, showing Oct. 7 to Nov. 25, and *Printed Landscapes: Four American Points of View*, running through Nov. 18, will open the autumn exhibition schedule for 1984 at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.

More than 130 prints will be included in the contemporary exhibition *Prints by Hugh Merrill*. Mr. Merrill, who has been represented in six previous showings at the Nelson-Atkins, is an associate professor in the print-making department at the Kansas City Art Institute. He explains that these works portray his perception of the American landscape, a more eccentric and abstract view than that of the traditional landscape artists.

*Printed Landscapes: Four American Points of View*, which will be on display in the Southwest Messanine, will feature nearly 80 ink-printed graphics of landscapes by four American artists: Bolton Brown, Sears Gallagher, Childe Hassam, and Birger Sandzen.

#### Museum Hours

The Museum is open Tues-Sat from 10 to 5 and on Sunday from 1 to 5. Admission is free on Sunday for all. Children 18 and under are free, adults \$2.00 on all other days.



1980 etching entitled "Mall" by artist Hugh Merrill now on display at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.



# Students, faculty rejuvenate SAM

**SAM IS BACK!** What is SAM? The Society for the Advancement of Management, the world's oldest management society, has recently had a chapter rejuvenated at Avila. Avila's chapter is one of 150 campus chapters; these chapters encompass 7000 members nationwide.

SAM offers a variety of events that all interested persons may attend. For example, SAM campus members attended the September 25, 1984, dinner meeting of the Kansas City Chapter at which A. J. Wilson, City Manager of Kansas City, Mo., gave a presentation.

SAM will be hosting speaker, Miles P. Hutchinson, CMA, on October 16, at 8:30 p.m. in the Barefoot Room. Mr. Hutchinson will dis-

cuss the merits of becoming a Certified Managerial Accountant (CMA) and the accounting test preparation and skills.

In addition, numerous events are planned for the future. Some of these events include help with job-finding skills, such as resume-writing and interviewing techniques. SAM will also be co-sponsoring a party with the American Marketing Association.

SAM's mission is "to provide an opportunity for the members to increase management skills and expertise through participation in programs and services designed to improve the professional quality of their knowledge, performance, and leadership ability."

SAM is now actively seeking new members. All majors at Avila are invited to join SAM. Dues for one year are only \$12.50. If interested in joining contact Mr. Bob Samson at the Business/Economics office or one of SAM's officers.

The following are new officers for the fall of 1984:

President	Vince Mirabella
Executive Vice-President	Elizabeth Ann Reed
Vice-President Programs	Laura Outland
Vice-President Promotion	Judy Barackman
Vice-President Membership	Phil Bryde
Vice-President Programs	Jeff Thompson
Vice-President Liaison to Campus Newsletter	Mary Frances Scalisi
Secretary	Betty Potter
Treasurer	Tracy Akins

## Special Notice

Special arrangements have been made to extend the deposit and contract deadline to the Avila College Ski Trip to Monday, November 5, 1984. These arrangements have been made to allow more students to take advantage of the Intramural program.

Information concerning the Avila College Ski Trip may be obtained in the Office of Student Life, or call 942-8400 Ext. 226.

Avila skiers will take to the slopes January 6-12, 1985 in the Steamboat, Colorado area.

## Education students hear presentation given by nationally known expert

Approximately 30 of Avila's education students joined over 200 teachers and school administrators Saturday morning, September 29th, to hear Dr. Madeline Hunter, a nationally known expert in the area of teaching effectiveness and former principal of the law school at UCLA.

Dr. Hunter's lecture was the opening session of a two-weekend course offered through The Learning Exchange at Avila College. Even though the course was filled to capacity several weeks before it started, Avila's education students were able to reserve a spot for Dr. Hunter's opening lecture through the department.

Students who attended the session expressed a great deal of enthusiasm about what they had learned. Dr. Madeline Hunter not only spoke about things teachers do which increase the probability students will learn, but she modeled those techniques within her own presentation.

## Center offers work experience, spiritual growth to young adults

By Mary Young

The Pallotti Center offers work experience and spiritual growth to young adults.

Established in February, the Pallotti Center at 113001 Wornall Road is providing volunteer work for young adults. As an outgrowth of the ideas of St. Vincent Pallotti, a 19th century Italian priest, the center is providing the opportunity for all people to be apostles. It is also striving to create an atmosphere of unity between the church, priests, brothers, sisters, and laity.

According to Sister Margaret Nacke, the center provided adults with the opportunity to give their service locally, nationally, and internationally. This center can help a person considering service or a person who has completed service, to accomplish this task five specific programs have been designed. The programs include the following:

**Connections** - A program to help connect a person with volunteer experience in a specific area of interest.

**Beginnings** - A grant program for projects initiated by volunteers in their second year of service.

**Vistas** - A job bank that connects former missionaries with church human services or corporate agencies who need their specific talents.

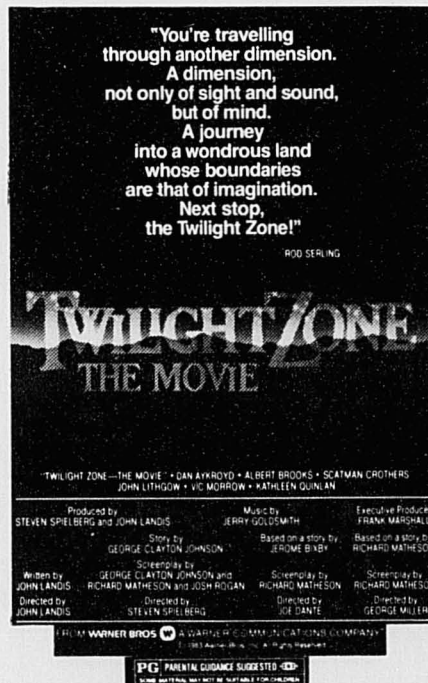
**Outreach** - An exchange of information, outreach is a communication network designed to share information and opportunities with others.

**Partners** - As volunteers work in the field, this active network prays for the success of the programs.

Together these programs create a team of service for the volunteers.

Sister Nacke states that this is an excellent way for a graduating senior, or a student on break for the summer, or someone who wants to give a year or two to help others and at the same time gain valuable experience in their own field of study. To help the student accomplish this task the center also provides individual consultation, referral services, local involvement, and educational materials.

For further information contact the Pallotti Center, 13001 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64145 or call Sister Margaret Nacke at 941-9100.



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## *Injuries, red cards plague soccer team*

By Debby Amos

Throughout the early season, Avila's Soccer team has found themselves plagued by not only injuries but numerous red cards as well. But through the injuries and red cards, Avila has maintained an impressive 6-3-3 record.

The Avalanche, under Head Coach Scott Royal-Ferris, has relied heavily on key performances from several of its players. Senior Neil Kelly and freshman Mike Corrigan have been Avila's scoring treats so far this season. Avila has also relied on players such as senior Ron Essmeyer and sophomore Tim Flynn for key defensive plays.

"Neil and Mike plus the defense are the backbone of our team," remarked Coach Ferris. "Neil and Mike have combined for around 95% of our offense this season."

With the end of the season approaching, the Avalanche find themselves in need of some key wins in order to make it to the District #16 playoffs.

"The next four games are our season," states Coach Ferris. "We need to win at least 3 of the 4 matches to make it into the playoffs."

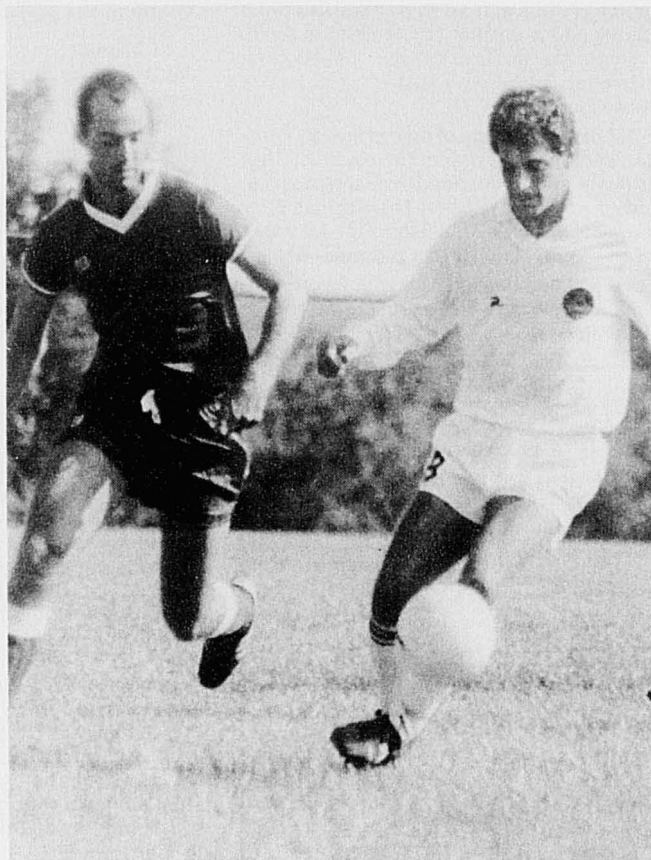
Although Avila has maintained a 6-3-3 record Coach Ferris feels that the team has played fairly inconsistent so far this season.

"The reason we haven't played consistent is because we haven't played with a set line up for 8 matches," he explains. "Either we have someone injured or when we finally get everyone back, we lose someone to a red card."

In the match against Rockhurst College, that was played Oct. 6, the Avalanche was to have their line-up in tact.

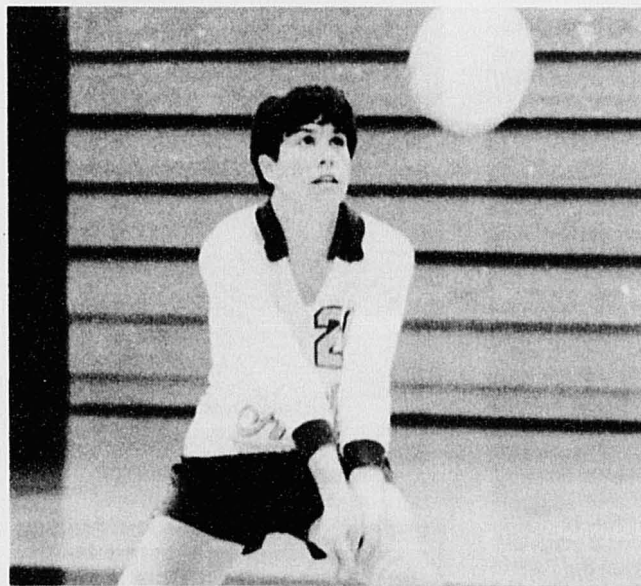
"The Rockhurst game is important not only because we are rivals but because it could decide whether it is us or them who is to make it into the playoffs," remarked junior Ryan Roberts.

Saturday, Oct. 20 the Avalanche takes to the field for what could be the last home match of the season. The match is to begin at 2:00.



Freshman Alex Aiman pushes the ball up the field against a Grandview defender. Avila won the match 6-1. (Photo by Cathy Keefer)

## *Lady Avalanche compile best ever record*



Junior Brigid McVey passes the ball to a teammate in a recent volleyball game. (Photo by Cathy Keefer)

By Debby Amos

Avila's volleyball team, under first year Head Coach Brian Tubbesing, has compiled a respectable 15-11 regular season record and a 7-3 district record thus far this year. With ten matches left to play, Avila's chances of making it into the District #16 Playoffs are brighter than in years past.

"We stand a good chance of making it into the District playoffs if we stay together and beat the teams we've already defeated this season," stated senior Lori Slyter. "To win those matches coming up, we must stay healthy."

Throughout the early season, the Avalanche has been plagued with one costly injury after another. With the team being only nine players strong, every member has not only seen playing time but have also played major roles.

"We've had to rely on everyone," replied Lori. "The subs have had to come in and make some key points while the regular starters have been pressured into making one key play after another. Everyone has done a great job."

With the end of the regular season rapidly approaching, Avila has maintained the goals that were set by the team at the beginning of the season.

"At the beginning of the season as a team we decided that we wanted to end the season with at least a 66% win-loss record," said Lori. "We also wanted to have our quick offense working. The quick offense was designed to off set our height disadvantage."

Monday night October 15, when the Avalanche takes to the court to face Rockhurst College, it marks the end of their home contests. If Avila is to get a district seeding it is important for them to defeat not only Rockhurst but the remaining teams that are in their district. Avila plays Ottawa October 18 in another important match.